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Red Hawks junior guard Caleb Schmidt leaps for a layup in the team's home opener against the LCVI Spartans on Wednesday, Nov. 27. The Red Hawks lost 44-31. See story on page 13.

Darren Lum Staff

Trillium brings major funds to county

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Last week Haliburton County received more than \$700,000 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation through seven grants for local organizations.

Ranging from \$12,600 to \$225,000, the funding totalled \$711,600 and will be used for programming, employment opportunities, facility upgrades and more.

Haliburton area recipients included A Place Called Home, the Canadian Mental Health Association, the Haliburton County Library Board, Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, Highlands Summer Festival and the Art Hive.

An unnamed initiative aimed at providing economic opportunities for local residents also received funding, which will result in a project coordinator offering business training and mentorship.

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust was awarded \$150,000, which will go towards hiring an executive director for a two-year period, along with community engagement and land stewardship.

Board chairwoman of the not-for-profit Dianne Mathes said the organization was thrilled with the grant announcement and will put the funds toward carrying out their strategic plan.

"I am so ecstatically happy," she said. "We have worked so hard to get to this point," adding past chairwoman Sheila Ziman was instrumental in the land trust's success with the OTF.

The position of executive director is new for the organization focused on protecting a healthy, natural environment and the board will be seeking someone for the role, said Mathes.

"We did a huge strategic plan process about a year and a half ago, and this is the outcome of that," she said. "We really realized that ... we need to grow this organization. We need a visionary executive director that can take us to that next step."

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Café hosts yoga fundraiser

every Monday in December

Each Monday throughout the month of December, Baked and Battered will be hosting Café Yoga from 7:30-8:15 a.m.

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"The golden hour for doing yoga is definitely in the morning when the mind is quiet and impressionable," says Shadbolt, adding the classes will help you set the tone for your week.

Participants are asked to bring a mat, blanket and water bottle.

Sessions are by donation with all proceeds going to Dusk Dances 2014 in Haliburton.

Those attending are asked to register in advance and arrive prior to the 7:30 a.m. start to settle in. Everyone is welcome to buy a coffee at the end of the exercise.

For more information contact Shadbolt at 705-457-3121 or visit www.haliburtonyoga.com.

Please note the café is closed on Mondays and only open to those doing yoga.

Outdoors Card renewal reminder

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Outdoors Cards can be renewed online at ontario.ca/outdoorscard, by calling 1-800-288-1155 or in person at a participating ServiceOntario centre or private issuer.

Officer assists mother and baby

On Wednesday Nov. 27, at 8:30 p.m. an officer from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police was on general patrol on Highway 118 in the municipality of Dysart et al.

The officer stopped to check on several vehicles that were pulled over at the side of the highway. The officer observed a distraught female driver and her infant baby girl in the vehicle, both from Haliburton.

The baby was in medical distress and the quick thinking officer immediately transported both mother and baby to the Haliburton hospital for treatment.

The officer was contacted the following day and advised that both mother and baby were doing well.

information seminar at Fleming College in Haliburton.

The event was very successful with more than 100 people in attendance, the majority from Haliburton County.

Based on the response from the community it was determined that several more of these free public information seminars should be hosted. Possible topics to be covered may include ATV's/off road vehicles, motorized snow vehicles and boating.

More information regarding these seminars will be released to the public in the near future. Anyone with suggestions or questions is asked to contact Const. Paul Potter - Community Services Officer at the Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment at 705-286-1431.

Wrap it Up at the Haliburton campus

Fleming College, Haliburton Campus, is pleased to present Wrap it Up, the end-of-semester art exhibition hosted by current students in full-time diploma and certificate programs.

This one day exhibition will take place from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14 at the campus, 297 College Dr., Haliburton.

Wrap it Up is a wonderful opportunity for developing artists to gain exhibition experience and showcase their many talents.

Visitors will be amazed by the vibrant tapestry of the arts found on display and within the college.

Many students who attend Haliburton School of The Arts have come from outside of Haliburton County to study at Fleming College and this exhibition provides members of the Haliburton community an opportunity to view new works by new artists.

Artists will be available to discuss their works and answer any questions.

This exhibition is a student-based initiative featuring a variety of media showcasing the talents of our fall semester students.

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For further information, please contact organizer Terri Frew at terri.frew@flemingcollege.ca or 705-457-1680.

Commercial vehicle information seminar a success

On Nov. 26, the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police hosted a commercial motor vehicle



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Hockey documentary premiere announced

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The long awaited premiere of *There's Something In The Water* is being screened at the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships in Head Lake Park.

On Jan. 25 at 7 p.m., the hockey documentary produced by Charlie Teljeur and Wayde Greer of Bent Nose Media Productions will be shown on a 40-foot screen beside the new bandshell overlooking Head Lake.

After two years of shooting, interviewing and editing the documentary that endorses the belief that Haliburton is a special place for hockey, the plans for the premiere screening hosted by 12-year TSN regular James Duthie were announced at McKecks Restaurant in Haliburton on Monday, Nov. 25.

Greer expects more than 2,000 people to attend and believes this will be the "biggest one day event" in the county.

There are already several hundred people committed to pre-sold tickets to the event, he said.

When media partner *The Hockey News* asked Greer if this event could be pulled off he told them of the great community behind it.

"It's not just Charlie and I. It's an entire town. We have a great committee, but it's our entire town. That is what this film speaks to as well," he said. "We have our flaws as a community. We have our struggles, but I think that's what makes us persevere to be and become who we are and why a lot of [players] whether it is Matt or Cody or whomever goes on to be who they become because we have that ability to persevere and I think it is because of where we live."

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey is excited for January and called this screening a "major hockey event."

Through the 90-minute film, the producers explore the special nature of Haliburton, hockey history and how it is linked to so many NHL hockey players and personalities.

With this film, Haliburton's claim as the birthplace of hockey in Canada should be considered, said Greer.

Teljeur, who was happy with the completed work, said the key to it all revolves around the Haliburton Hockey Haven.

"The Hockey Haven is what put this town on the map. It made it more than just a little town. The four guys (Ron Stackhouse, Bernie Nicholls, Cody Hodgson and Matt Duchene) that come from here is a totally different story. That's an anomaly on its



Darren Lum Staff

Charlie Teljeur, left, and Wayde Greer of Bent Nose Media with Tammy Rea announced the premiere of the documentary *There's Something In The Water* at a media event at McKecks restaurant in Haliburton on Monday, Nov. 25. The premiere event, which is being called Hockey Night in Haliburton, will include sports announcer James Duthie and coincide with the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships at Head Lake Park on January 25.

own. The Hockey Haven made Walt McKechie, Glen Sharpley, Rick Nash, Basil McCrae, Mike Ricci ... [come] to this area. That's what put the stamp of approval for Haliburton being a pretty cool place to be," he said.

The summer hockey camp drew thousands of children and soon-to-be hall of famers.

Among them include retired NHL players such as goalie Greg Millen, who played 14 NHL seasons and sports writers like Steve Simmons, both featured in the documentary. The camp also brought many famous hockey players as instructors or guests, such as a young Bernie Parent, a hall-of-fame NHL goalie who was interviewed and even instructed Millen at the Hockey Haven. Millen and Parent are just a sample of the many interviewed for the film.

The way the project came together was amazing, Teljeur said.

Teljeur and Greer were surprised by just how much support there was for the project.

"It got to the point where it became

almost silly how, 'Guess what happened? Some guy just phoned me up from wherever,'" Teljeur said. "At first it was surprising but afterwards it was almost like it was heaven sent. I'm not a religious person, but there is something about that, that is really great."

He had anxiety regarding the accuracy of the documentary since there isn't one authority on Haliburton.

When this began it was a pet project, but evolved into an objective piece when it included outside sources.

"There's an objectivity to it now. Before it was 'Hey, I'll tell you a story about Haliburton,'" he said. "When we changed it from the outside looking in that's when it got interesting."

One regret was not being able to interview Don Cherry, Ron McLean, Wayne Gretzky and Bobby Orr, he said. They came close. Teljeur believes if they managed to get one interview with any of the four it would have led to getting them all.

Despite the miss, there was great support for the project from sports personalities and

NHL teams.

For the future, Teljeur is considering a documentary based entirely on the Haliburton Hockey Haven.

Tammy Rea of Sticks and Stones Productions said what Bent Nose has done is inspiring.

"It all comes back to who we are that we are here. We are Haliburtonians and it's about the struggle," she said, referring to rural life. "That's what makes us good hockey players. That's what makes us good storytellers. That's what makes us be people that are interesting"

Rea said a screening of winning videos from the video competition #MyHaliburtonHighlandsFilmFest would precede the premiere.

"We are going to ask you to tell us what is it about here that makes it be ours," she said.

Projects can be anything from six seconds to two minutes.

See #MyHaliburtonHighlandsFilmFest on Facebook or email sticksandstonesproductions@gmail.com.

The competition is partnering with the Rails End Gallery, as it coincides with their members' art show.

Rea thanked the support from Haliburton County Development Corporation, which has been an integral supporter of Bent Nose Media, and the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

This relationship has resulted in \$2,500 of prizes for the competition.

The event organizers are looking at getting in-kind donations from organizations and the municipality.

Tickets will go on sale on Dec. 2 and will be available at McKecks, the Haliburton Highlands tourism office in Minden and from Highland Storm minor hockey players.

Online purchases are available at www.hockeydocs.tv

General admission tickets are \$20, including HST, and includes a hot chocolate, four digital issues of *The Hockey News* with a portion of proceeds is donated to minor hockey.

Greer, who is appreciative of the support already received, asks anyone interested in becoming a "hockey ambassador" to volunteer for the event contact info@hockeydocs.tv.

Initially the two Haliburton residents considered screening at Hot Docs, but realized the importance to screen it here.

"It didn't feel right launching it in Toronto so let's do it up Haliburton style," Greer said.

-with files from Angelica Blenich

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County supports underpass project

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Haliburton County will be helping turtles cross the road.

During their Nov. 27 meeting, county councillors voted to lend support to a project that will install wildlife underpasses beneath roads in the area.

The project is a collaboration between The Land Between, The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

"There's no cost for the county but we will be bugging the roads department quite a bit," said Leora Berman of The Land Between as she made a presentation council.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen wondered how Berman defined "quite a bit."

"This can't be done without consultation," Berman said.

According to a report from county engineer Roy Haig, in-kind contributions of labour and equipment from the county for installations would amount to costs of \$1,000 to \$2,000 each, as well as perhaps a couple hundred dollars in consultation and assessment time from engineering staff.

Local biologist Paul Heaven has been monitoring and recording turtle activity in the county since 2007 and has identified 10

initial sites where turtles have been known to get hit by cars and told councillors that six of those sites already have culverts that would be suitable to use for underpasses.

The underpasses would essentially be culverts with half-culverts attached to each end. The half-culverts are to direct the animals to the underpass and would be positioned to prevent the turtles from climbing onto the road once in the corral.

There has been a campaign to raise the consciousness of county residents to the turtles who wander the county in the spring looking for locations to lay their eggs.

That campaign has included signage in areas where turtles are known to cross roadways, as well as how people can help the creatures cross the road, either by simply picking them up or, in the case of large snappers, getting them to latch onto a stick and dragging them off the road.

Sheila Ziman of the land trust said this campaign has been successful and that underpasses in areas where turtles are known to pass would decrease the number of motorists stopping their vehicles roadside.

"We may actually improve road safety," Ziman said.

A licence of occupation agreement will be drawn up to be reviewed and signed by council.

County councillors looking at two per cent tax increase

While county council won't start budget talks until late January, it seems that councillors are eyeing a two per cent tax increase for 2014.

Councillors briefly discussed the budget and another drop in equalization payments from the province during their Nov. 27 meeting.

The county will lose \$120,000 from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund in 2014.

"We lost that same amount last year," treasurer Laura Janke told councillors, explaining the decrease would drop the amount the county will receive to \$680,000.

Janke said the loss equated to an almost one per cent tax increase.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid was adamant the county find a way to absorb the hit and said she didn't want to see a county tax increase above two per cent.

"I think we need to find ways to take costs out of the system," Reid said. "I just don't believe a three per cent tax increase to the public is legitimate."

Last year there was a 2.89 per cent levy increase – two per cent tax hike and almost another one per cent in growth.

Reid also thought money that came from growth should be put into reserves and not spent on operating costs.

"Most councils are looking at two per cent," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey.

County staff have been working on departmental budgets and Janke said they were examining ways to save money in the roads department, which has the largest budget.

"Whether that's sophisticated technologies or collaboration with other townships, we'll be trying to improve efficiencies in the roads department," she said.

Fearrey said some 65 per cent of the roads budget came from the maintenance of downloaded highways once controlled by the province.

"I think it's important that we show them what it's done to us," Fearrey said.

Councillors will receive their budget binders Jan. 17, with a council meeting scheduled for Jan. 22.

The 2013 budget contained approximately \$20.6 million in expenditures, with \$12.5 million coming from taxation.

- Chad Ingram

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Pols rally to fight OPP cost increase

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The county's politicians are putting their heads together to deal with the staggering increases in policing costs their communities are facing as a result of a new OPP funding formula set to come into effect in 2014.

"It's significant not only for us as lower tiers, but as a county," Algonquin Highlands Reeve and County Warden Carol Moffatt said to her colleagues during a county council meeting Nov. 27.

Under the new formula, annual OPP costs in Algonquin Highlands would increase from less than \$350,000 to approximately \$1.2 million, or from \$76 per household to as much as \$369 per household.

In Highlands East, the per household rate would also jump to \$369, up from \$134 and in Dysart et al there would be an increase of \$1.6 million per year in policing costs.

Figures for Minden Hills have not yet been discussed.

However, the formula means that costs will drop for communities that have been paying high rates.

In Bancroft, for example, per household costs are set to drop from \$600 to \$300.

"Some areas are sort of dancing in the streets," Moffatt said, adding they obviously wouldn't be much help in lobbying the province to change the formula.

The OPP determines its own staffing needs and negotiates with the province on salaries and costs. There is an 8.5 per cent salary hike scheduled for OPP officers in 2014.

"What is it you're going to do at your lower tiers, individually?" Moffatt asked councillors. Dysart et al Murray Fearrey thought there needed to be communication with the province's solicitor general or perhaps the office

of the finance minister about how the proposed hikes are impossible for the county's townships.

"We're going to have to come up with a proposal that is more realistic," Fearrey said.

Moffatt said she had a list of contacts with the province to lobby.

"I think it's kind of a done deal," she said, adding there had been some kind of consultation process on the formula that was set to end soon.

Many municipalities, including ones in the county, were not consulted.

While there is a base rate for policing, some service calls cost extra and councillors said it wasn't clear what services townships were being charged for.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid thought it was time to re-evaluate how the townships contract their police services.

"Does this mean we should stop and examine the way we do business with the OPP?" Reid asked, adding there were other funding models the local governments could look at. "It just seems that it's spiralling out of control."

She thought the county should be inviting a rep from the OPP for a discussion with councillors and Moffatt said the billing increases would be discussed during the December meeting of the county community policing advisory committee, of which Haliburton Highlands Staff. Sgt. Chad Bark is part.

The warden also suggested the county solicit a public lobby, encouraging residents - "the people who are going to pick up this tab" - to contact the province, once it had a strategy established.

It was also suggested that the chief administrative officers and treasurers from each of the townships be included in meetings to deal with the issue.

Dysart looks at asset plan

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Nov. 25 meeting of Dysart et al council.

The municipality of Dysart has a number of roads in disrepair that will need some attention in the future.

Councillors heard about the fate of Dysart's infrastructure during a delegation by Paul Hurley of D.M. Wills Associated Ltd.

Hurley presented council with a detailed draft asset management plan that aims to guide municipal staff and politicians in decision making and planning over the long-term.

The draft includes an inventory of the municipality's assets, such as roads, bridges, and sewers, and their condition rated based

on the level of repair needed.

Based on this information the township can move forward with a sustainable financial strategy, said Hurley.

Council accepted the proposed management plan and will be reviewing a finalized version in the next few months.

Vote counters secured

Dysart will be spending just under \$18,000 for tabulators to help assist in the 2014 municipal election. Following an earlier decision to acquire tabulators to help assist staff during the day of the election, clerk Cheryl Coulson presented councilors with a recommendation to enter into a lease agreement.

The clerk recommended leasing two tabulators from Dominion Voting, at a cost of \$17,700. The \$17,700 will include leasing the tabulators, implementation services, training, onsite support and shipping.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Early gifts

LAST WEEK HALIBURTON County won the lottery. Well, sort of.

For many community organizations throughout the county, the news that was delivered late last week must have felt like an early Christmas gift.

In total, the Ontario Trillium Foundation handed out more than \$711,000 to seven organizations that are either located in or serve the Haliburton Highlands.

That's right, close to three quarters of a million dollars came to our doors.

For a county like ours that is something to celebrate, no matter what day it is.

The funds will be used for a variety of programs and initiatives, such as allowing not-for-profits to hire an executive director or general manager, enabling some organizations to enhance facilities through addressing accessibility issues or in some cases sustaining much needed services.

Recipients include the Highlands Summer Festival, the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, A Place Called Home, the Art Hive, the Haliburton branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association and the Haliburton County Library Board.

Apart from their obvious benefits, funds like this will not only provide more services and programs for our small county but offer education, employment and opportunity for the

residents.

While some groups may spend their grant funding on facility upgrades or furnishings, in the case of the library board, others have indicated putting their resources towards carrying out long-term strategic plans, thus ensuring they have a sustainable future.

Many Highlanders couldn't imagine life in this county without events hosted by the land trust, taking in a summer theatre production or borrowing a book from their neighbourhood library.

Former YWCA resource development co-ordinator

Sarah Adams put it best when she wrote the paper about how much a community benefits from OTF grants.

Working under a Trillium grant the YWCA received in 2010, Adams was not only able to develop her professional skill set, she had the chance to travel around the country, further her education, gain confidence and more.

The money not only impacts recipient organizations but also the employees hired to carry out the work.

It is because of this that Highlanders should keep the momentum going in Haliburton County and submit future proposals.

So get out your pen and paper and begin making your wish list for next year, because just like with Santa, you won't know what you can get unless you ask.



Angelica Blenich
Reporter



Snow expression

photo by Darren Lum

Winter in the Highlands

IT'S DECEMBER AND time for me to get going - going to shop local. So far, one gift bought from one of our wonderful local potters and two paintings from local galleries. Well, if the truth be told, the paintings are for Peter and I, one from each gallery. Great sales this past weekend. "Black Friday" - a bit of a stretch for the Highlands, but we're loving the prices, so why not! No doubt, with three weeks to go until Christmas this is only the beginning! The village is welcoming us with lovely decorations, friendly sales staff, our beautiful Christmas tree and great sales!

It was joyful celebration!

Great turnouts at our Santa Claus parade, the tree lighting ceremony before the parade and Winter Warm Up afterwards. Thank you to all involved. However, we are still in need of, and hopeful for, additional financial support for the parade. Thank you to those BIA members who have made donations. We would welcome the support of all our members as well as the businesses in the larger Haliburton community. Please send your donation to Haliburton Village BIA, Box 1281. Haliburton ON. K0M 1S0. Your support will make a difference.

In the past week I was invited, as a community member of Haliburton County, to share my thoughts and ideas on two topics. The first conversation was about promoting good character and active citizenship in our community. There are so many in our community who do this easily and excellently. We see it every day and espe-

cially at this time of year. While promoting good character and active citizenship speaks to us all, it is especially essential when we consider our children and youth. It got me thinking. What can we do better? What does our community need? What needs to happen? The process, called "thought stream" invited me to submit responses, online, to three open-ended questions. I look forward to the next stage in the process when I will have a chance to review and help prioritize my responses and the responses of others. I am excited to see where this conversation leads.

The second topic was about volunteering and how we can better meet the needs of all the groups, organizations and community events who depend on volunteers. It was a survey and conversation with many questions, including considering if there is a way to streamline or improve volunteer recruiting and training? These questions proved to be more difficult than one would first think. As the BIA administrator/event co-ordinator, I know too well that the number of volunteers impacts what can be accomplished. Practically everyone I know here in Haliburton volunteers. How much more can we ask? It was indeed, another good conversation and, here again, I look forward to learning the end results. Thank you, not so much for involving me in these conversations, though I do appreciate that too, but for having the conversations and igniting the thoughts. Good things will come of this.



Gail Stelter
BIA in the Village



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points of view

Shovelling it

I WALKED INTO THE shed with my hat in hand and snow down the back of my collar. In hindsight, I probably should have cleared off the eaves before opening the door.

"Hello," I said awkwardly, as I stuck my head into the dark room.

Those were the first words we had exchanged since last year. And, as expected, all I got in return was a cold, steely silence. Talk about awkward.

"Look," I began. "I know the last time we saw each other I said lots of harsh words about you. And I am truly sorry for that. But you were very hard on me too."



Steve Galea
Loon Tales

Then, after another hushed minute, I said it. "OK, I need you. I can't get by without you. This time of year, I always think about you. Please help me."

It's a good thing we haven't invented talking snow shovels yet, I suppose. Because if they could, I'm sure I would have got an earful in return.

Instead, that shovel, which I walked out of the shed with, did what snow shovels do best. It spent the rest of the morning trying to show me who's the boss.

Little did it know I was not going to be easy to break. After all, I am a Canadian, born in March, winter's snowiest month. Moreover, when I was a kid, we had two winter toys – hockey sticks and toboggans.

If you wanted to play with either, you needed a snow shovel to clear a rink or make a ramp.

Like most Canadian adults, I know a thing or two about the best way to use a shovel. Unfortunately, there were no kids willing to make a few bucks nearby, so I settled for the worst way.

Minutes later, my heart was pounding, sweat was running freely down my back, muscles ached, joints creaked and cramps started setting in. Then, in a heroic act of bravery, I finally picked up the shovel and began to clear the driveway.

The good news is, by the time I had cleared the cone piled by a mean-spirited municipal plow, I had finally settled the issue of who's boss.

"What do I do next, boss?" I said between wheezes.

I then realized that talking to a shovel is probably a good indication that your brain has gotten a little too cold. So I decided to go in for a coffee.

I was just about to go outside again to finish the rest of the driveway, walkway and doorstep when I witnessed the Canuck version of the cavalry coming to the rescue.

That's right, my neighbour Jack ran his ATV and plow up and down my driveway a couple of times, making short work of it. By the time I stepped outside, he was gone again.

Suddenly, I looked at my shovel a little differently.

"See? You can be replaced," I said.

And then, I cleared the doorstep and walkway, happy in the knowledge that winter might not be as bad as I thought.

There and then, it occurred to me we Canadians have truly learned how to master winter. Sure, we might complain a bit about shovelling snow, the cold, the driving and the cost of heating our homes, but the point is, we have got it all figured out.

I thought to myself, "Yes, it's true. No one knows more about snow than we do."

Then, I walked over to the shed, opened the door and got more of it down the back of my collar.



pic of the past

In this picture is one of the first Tandem log trucks in Haliburton. In those days most trucks were straight trucks with dollies. This truck is a K.B.8 international log truck. In this picture is Charlie Heard looking at the truck. Victor Packard is resting on fender. Charlie Main and Ed Heard are at the front of the truck. This picture was taken in Eagle Lake. Submitted by Charlie Heard.

letters to the editor

An extra set of eyes

To the Editor,

Recently we had B&B guests visiting from Bracebridge for a minor hockey tournament.

One of their players had their car in the arena parking lot broken into and items stolen.

We understand that there has been a rash of these incidents lately.

An appeal should be made to the public to be aware of unusual or suspicious activity in the arena area so that the perpetrators are caught, to bring an end to these happenings.

The visitors from Bracebridge are going to take an unpleasant Haliburton experience home and tell their friends.

As close neighbours to the arena, we will certainly be watching and will contact the OPP when appropriate.

Others, perhaps the EMS offices and Community Living should also be watching.

The police can't be there all the time.

Jim and Marilyn Frost
Haliburton

BOONEVILLE





Chris and Bob from Haliburton sent in this photo of their dog Casey, who fishes every night on Long Lake. This was a classic pose looking for frogs.



Cordell Carpet hosted a contractors breakfast that was well attended on Nov. 28. Contractors had a chance to win a variety of gifts from tools to painting sundries and so much more. Submitted by Laura Smith



Rocky Meslin took these two photos on Nov. 24 of the frost on his outside storm door. His cottage is on Long Lake off Kennaway Road. He wrote "I could not believe the details in the artistry of Mother Nature. The amazing thing is that they all have such a botanical feel! Wanted to share them, not so much my photography, but for Mother Nature's art!"



The Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary concluded a very successful quilt raffle, with \$3,819 raised for the purchase of new medical equipment for our Haliburton Hospital. Dave and Ann Harris of Eagle Lake were the lucky winners, shown accepting the quilt from Auxiliary member Ellenor Bagg. The Auxiliary would like to thank the members of the Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild for donating this exquisite quilt to the Auxiliary; Andy Glecoff of V&S and Steve Todd of the Independent for permitting ticket sales on their premises; Auxiliary conveners Keith and Lorraine Semple and Carol Monaghan, for their dogged determination in selling tickets, and to all the generous people of Haliburton County and beyond who purchased the tickets. It truly does take a village.

community scrapbook

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Jerelyn Craden sent in this photo of the first real snowfall in Haliburton. Welcome back snow!

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The rich and poorer

To the Editor,

"Let them eat cake!" the queen of France replied when the poverty of the French peasants was revealed to her before the French Revolution. Alright, the quote is highly suspect but it came to mind when MP Barry Devolin celebrated his 100th passport clinic recently, as reported in the *Haliburton Echo* of Nov. 26, page 2. "There was cake and celebration," it read.

Here is a quote from the Make Poverty History website:

"After 24 years, two unanimous House resolutions and several reports calling for action, nearly 4,200,000 Canadians – including 967,000 children – continue to live in poverty."

On Nov. 24, 1989, Canada's House of Commons passed a unanimous all-party resolution to eliminate child poverty by the year 2000. Twenty years later, the House passed another unanimous motion to "develop an immediate plan to eliminate poverty in Canada for all."

Now doesn't it seem that our MP and his party serves a certain well-off constituency with care and attention while neglecting others who are poorer and disadvantaged?

Jim Milne
Haliburton

Poor service

To the Editor,

I do believe in shopping locally as it keeps money in our town and keeps local people employed. I live and work in the town of Haliburton and do not have a vehicle so it should be ideal for me to shop in town. The problem I find over and over again, and so do others that I have talked to, is that you can't find what you are looking for and if you do the prices are outrageous. Even at this time of year, there is no selection. (With that being said, I have also had some good experiences here – finding unique gifts, and items that have been wiped off the shelves, in big box stores, in more populated areas.) I even have a hard time getting a haircut on a Saturday because most salons are not open that day and the ones that are open are booked up. In some cases I find the services are below standard – stylists doing hair the same way as they learned 30 years ago.

My daughter just recently bought her very first home and was very excited until recently when she found out that she was misled by both her realtor and the listing realtor, as well as the home inspection not being done properly. These businesses are all local. Now they have since tried to make things right with my daughter by rectifying the situation but had they been honest with her in the first place, the outcome may have been different.

So when I go out of town to shop, it costs me money for gas, but I can do everything I want and still save money.

Again, give me a reason to shop locally and I would love to.

Debbie O'Reilly
Haliburton

The inevitable

Gerald Irish

A senior's moment

Time marches on, and as it does so, it makes one more aware of one's own mortality.

It is a Sunday afternoon and as I sit here musing about the two funeral services we attended last week. I am more certain about the old saying that death and taxes cannot be avoided.

Each time I go to the post office in the village I check the death notice board just inside the doors. No, I am not checking to see if my name is there – I am checking to see if any of our dear friends have passed away. We are now at an age where members of our

generation are leaving us.

As hard as it is to say goodbye to dear friends and loved ones, we must prepare ourselves for the inevitable.

One day last week, we had the good fortune to be visited by an amazing younger woman. She is a woman of fantastic courage. She knows she has a terminal disease, but she considers herself luckier than most people. She has been given the time to get all her affairs in order. She has been given the time to say farewell to all her friends and loved ones. She has been given the time to say "I love you" to the ones who count the most in her life.

She is facing her eventual demise with courage. Such courage! Would I have the same grace and style she is showing? I don't honestly know. I can only hope I will.

A Christmas wish list to put poverty under wraps

As a child, do you remember the thrill of seeing the first Christmas catalogue or wish book arrive at your home? It was wonderful to flip through the pages, gazing at the glittering gifts and then making your holiday wish list known to any adult standing within earshot.

In today's world of instant online purchases, this childhood memory seems old-fashioned. However, as the holiday season approaches, there is an opportunity to modernize the Christmas wish list. It involves creating a list of holiday gifts that would greatly benefit families in need in Haliburton County. Here is what would be on it:

- Higher income to allow all families the ability – and dignity – to pay for rent, buy nutritious food, take part in physical activities and participate in their communities.
- Reliable, secure jobs to provide families with stability and less stress.
- Child care that is free or subsidized, allowing more parents to work or continue their education and skill building.
- Affordable housing options so that families have a safe and comfortable place to call home.

These gifts benefit the entire community. The local economy is boosted when everyone has stable jobs that pay living wages. Communities are healthier when everyone has a safe place to live, and



Mary - Lou Mills
Public Health Nurse

can afford to buy nutritious food and participate in recreational activities. Families face less stress, while children have the opportunity to grow, thrive and succeed in school.

Wouldn't these items be great presents to put under the tree?

Turning this holiday wish list into reality may not happen overnight. Nonetheless, there are immediate ways that you can make a difference this holiday season by helping those in need in your community.

Consider supporting a local charity, by donating food, clothing, toys, baby and child supplies or hygiene supplies. Help out by giving money to local food banks to ensure families have enough to eat. Volunteer with a social support agency that benefits families and individuals or sponsor a child to participate in organized sports and recreation opportunities.

By lobbying your elected representatives at the local, provincial and federal levels to develop strategies that address and reduce poverty, this wish list will ultimately come true. To find out more ways you can help, call the health unit or visit the Rethink Poverty website (www.rethinkpoverty.ca).

When doing up your holiday wish list this year, be sure to include items that help keep poverty under wraps. It is a great way to make the season more festive for everyone!



Wildlife in your backyard

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Belinda Gallagher sent in a this photo of a camera shy coyote matching the landscape.



Rebecca Madamba, 23, played some original compositions in a solo set during the launch of the Haliburton County Folk Society's Homemade Stew compilation at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Nov. 30.

Chad Ingram Staff



Eric Brohm plays a mandolin solo during a set by Custom Blend at the launch of Homemade Stew, a compilation album from members of the Haliburton County Folk Society during a launch at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Nov. 30.

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From spicy to sweet, there was a gamut of musical flavours served up at the launch of Homemade Stew, a compilation CD from the Haliburton County Folk Society, at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Nov. 30.

The CD features music from David Bathe, Custom Blend (who played house band for the first part of Saturday's concert), Guy Pritchard, Rebecca Madamba, Carl Dixon, Phil McMahon

and Paddy's Lament, Donna Drifter Leclair, Tracey Green, Irene Merritt, Ragged Company, Albert Saxby and Trina West, who came up with the idea.

The album was created with assistance from the Haliburton County Development Corporation and Quantum Entertainment and the concert was hosted by Canoe FM personality Mike Jaycock. For more information, visit www.haliburtonfolk.com.

- By Chad Ingram

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Business coach brings tips to Haliburton

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Amy Deagle has had many different careers, and she's only 29.

The former nurse, midwife, business owner and consultant shared her story and insight to entrepreneurs in Haliburton on Nov. 25 during her talk titled *Purpose, Passion and Possibility in a Small Town*.

Held at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, the event was part of the *Small Town, Big Dream Tour*, hosted by local businesswoman Loran Upton.

Originally from Alberta, Deagle now works as a lifestyle and business coach, assisting women in realizing their dreams and potential.

Growing up in a small town, Deagle knew from an early age that she wanted more than what her community had to offer.

"I felt squashed for thinking outside the box," she said.

With supportive parents behind her, Deagle became a labour and delivery nurse and eventually a midwife.

However, the unpredictability of delivering a baby finally took its toll on the entrepreneur.

After starting up her own consulting business, called Expecting Success, Deagle soon learned the challenges of working for yourself.

"Working for yourself is very, very hard to do, but also very rewarding," she said.

Throughout her talk, Deagle challenged the more than 50 women in attendance to make a list of the qualities they are good at and share them with a partner.

She also asked them to share three to five core values that are important to them.

These values, along with their individual qualities, are useful in guiding entrepreneurs in creating and maintaining successful businesses, said Deagle.

"Entrepreneurship is hard ... and it's easy to walk away," she said.

Facing fears is another important step when starting a business, as well as finding support from the community.

Throughout her talk Deagle stressed the importance of clarity, confidence, community and action, the latter very



Business and lifestyle coach Amy Deagle spoke to the women of Haliburton on Nov. 25 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. The *Small Town, Big Dream Tour* hosted by local business woman Loran Upton inspired entrepreneurs on how to dream big while living in rural areas.

Angelica Blenich
Staff

crucial in getting a business off the ground.

"Take action," she said, "even if it's just a small step. You can dream and plan all you want, but if you don't take action nothing is going to happen."

Living in a small town has its advantages and disadvantages, said Deagle.

One thing to consider in a small town is the value of a good reputation and the need to be authentic and real.

"It's easier to be a scam artist in the city where no one knows you," said Deagle. "Don't burn bridges."

Another challenge in a small town is the likelihood of people you know wanting to take advantage of getting something for free.

"You have to think about what's best for your business," she said.

However, the biggest opportunities in small towns come from the support and sense of community that is available.

"Small communities give you support ... they trust you, they know you and accept you," said Deagle.

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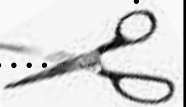
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Children win with home builders toy drive

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Aggie Tose cannot even imagine her grandchild experiencing a Christmas without a gift. The founder of the Haliburton County Home Builder's Association Toy Drive still remembers when she learned about children not having anything for Christmas.

It touched her and was a factor in her starting the drive 18 years ago.

When it comes right down to it Christmas is all about the children, the executive officer of the association said.

"Christmas is children. This is making children happy. When maybe other times in the year it's not quite as happy," she said.

Close to two decades later, Tose hasn't seen an improvement in the situation since starting the drive.

"There's more need for it, sadly," she said.

Organized by the association, the countywide annual drive includes the contributions of local businesses and services.

It accepts toys, gift certificates, which is recommended for teenagers, and food.

Tose reminds people, who are getting the food baskets or vouchers, to pre-register with Minden and Haliburton Food banks. Call the food banks at 705-457-3331.

Contact the Home Builders (705-457-6901 or info@hchba.ca) to arrange a pick-up or drop-off donations at the Village Doughnuts, V&S, Cordell Carpet, Moose FM and Needful Things in Haliburton. In Minden, take donations to the LCBO, Minden Home Hardware and Dollos Foodland.

The last day for pick-up and drop-off is Dec. 16. Time, she said, is needed for the volunteers to organize the hundreds of donated items for children and families.



Christmas is children. This is making children happy. When maybe other times in the year it's not quite as happy.

— Aggie Tose

Any donations after should be cleared with Tose, who will make arrangements.

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Artwork fundraiser raises more than \$4,000 for local hospitals

Highlands cottager wraps-up initiative that began this summer

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

A total of \$4,090 was raised for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation through an art fundraiser initiated by Highlands cottager Don Ross.

Earlier this year Ross facilitated a campaign where artwork was set up at various businesses throughout Haliburton County, including Emmerson Lumber, Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre, Highland Pharmacy, Smolen Dentistry, Haliburton Home Hardware and both hospital sites.

The artwork was awarded to a winner through a silent bidding process, with partial proceeds going towards HHHSE.

Foundation executive director Dale Walker was very pleased with the success of the initiative and extended a big thank you to all the bidders for their enthusiasm and support.

"These funds will be used to fund priority equipment for our hospitals, including medication dispensing units, patient lifts, bath chairs, vital signs monitors, a portable ultrasound machine, a heart monitor and a trauma stretcher," said Walker.

The executive director thanked local businesses for their participation in the fundraiser as well as Ross for his generous heart.

"Most of all a very special thank you to Mr. Ross, a wonderful man that has cottaged in the Haliburton Highlands for over 50 years," Walker wrote to the paper.

"Mr. Ross was responsible for all aspects of the art easel auctions: meeting with the businesses, set up, displays and signage, changing the artwork, notifying bidders and delivering the artwork to the bidders. He mentioned that he travelled a lot of miles and met a lot of people and that was most



Angelica Blenich Staff

This easel featuring a framed piece of artwork was on display as a fundraiser for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. The initiative raised more than \$4,000 to be used towards purchasing priority equipment.

enjoyable. This is a fine example of the great community support for the hospitals in the Highlands."

Haliburton County Echo

Sports



Darren Lum Staff

Red Hawks junior post player Sage Christiano targets the hoop in the team's home opener against the LCVI Spartans on Wednesday, Nov. 27. The Red Hawks lost 44-31.

Positive attitude trumps loss

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Finding the silver lining in a home opener loss is easy with this season's junior basketball team.

Red Hawks coach Dave Waito loved what he saw for the most part despite the 44-31 loss to the visiting Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans.

"I was really happy. There were a lot of positives to build on for the next couple of weeks of practices. That first game gives us some context for everything we do in practice and from here we have a lot to work with," he said.

First game jitters factored in the slow ball movement in the first quarter, he said.

"You're nervous the first time you play," he said, referring to nerves associated to not only the season opener, but also with rookies.

Waito said there was only two weeks available for preparation since the football team went deep into the playoffs.

He pointed to first-year players such as Ethan Cooper, who was aggressive,

and Izac Reid for his many rebounds. Cooper led the Red Hawks in second-half scoring with six points.

Second-year players Caleb Schmidt and Jalen Campbell, he said, demonstrated great leadership, as he expected.

Waito added the fourth quarter the team played their best after a weak start.

"We just finally settled in and we were a little more comfortable out there. Everybody got in and everybody was apart of it today, and everybody gave some quality minutes," he said.

Fun through hard work is still the focus, Waito said.

"Keeping these guys with the right attitude that they are having fun, but working hard doing it to get better," he said.

Helping in that respect is first-year player Colin Martin, who is not just a physical giant at close to six feet three inches, but also a giant in his positive attitude on the floor and the bench.

"We're looking to improve on some defensive focuses and get some new stuff in. I was really happy with the first game for sure," he said.



Darren Lum Staff

Red Hawks junior player Ethan Cooper drives the baseline against an LCVI Spartans defender.

Wildcats shutout girls' hockey team

The Red Hawks girls' hockey team travelled to Lindsay to take on the IE Weldon Secondary School Wildcats last week. It was a tough game from start to finish. The Wildcats handed the Hawks their first loss of the season. Final score was 2-0.

The girls host the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Correction: In last week's *Echo*, Erin Carmount was credited with the game-winning goal. It should have read Erica Carmount. We regret the error.

*All games are subject to change. Check with the school for updates.

Submitted by Judi Paul

Sr Hawks routed on the hardwood in home opener by Spartans

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

There's room to grow said the senior Red Hawks basketball coach following a season opening 43-15 loss to the Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans in Haliburton on Wednesday, Nov. 27.

Longo said with a fairly young team it was a positive start.

"We did okay. The first half was pretty good. We have to work on some offense stuff," he said. "Again we got a lot of young guys who are trying to figure it out. We saw lots of things we can improve on. We just

need more time to get it together."

The majority of the roster is comprised of Grade 11 students.

Preparation was hampered, he said, by the sudden change in the schedule.

"We were expecting the first game to be next week that was my understanding. We were thrown a little bit of a curve ball," he said.

He acknowledges fault for the strategy mismatch.

The coaching staff chose to practice man-to-man and was caught off guard by the zone coverage implemented by the Spartans, he said.

"There's lot of positives there. The kids are

hungry. They really want to learn, which is great. They're a wonderful team. It's nice having Rika Takaki and Jennifer Robinson playing with us. There are lots of positives. Lots to move forward," he said.

Robinson scored four points to lead the team.

In the pre-game warm up the team lost Hunter Smith to injury and his status is unknown.

The offense was a question mark, he said.

"Defensively our goal was to try and keep LCVI to 10 points a quarter and we almost did that," he said. "There weren't many easy buckets and that's good."



There weren't many easy buckets and that's good

— Red Hawks coach, Paul Longo



LCVI Spartans player Joey Shaw, left, looks to block Red Hawks player Cory Proctor at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Wednesday, Nov. 27. The Red Hawks fell short in their bid to win their home opener, losing 43-15.

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Coaches Dan Fockler and Paul Klose were very pleased with the results.

"We have a very young team this year and a tournament is exactly what our athletes needed. They have learned how to apply the wrestling technique in competition," Fock-

ler said. "The work done in practice makes more sense once the athletes experience a real match."

The coaches look forward to the upcoming weeks as the Red Hawks Wrestling team continues to develop. The next tournament is on Tuesday, Dec. 3 in Bancroft.

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Photos from left, Red Hawks goalie Brayden Frost poke checks a loose puck, right, and a Red Hawks player goes to a loose puck against the IEW Wildcats at the AJ LaRue Arena in Haliburton on Wednesday, Nov. 27. Haliburton remains undefeated through three (1-0-2) after defeating the Wildcats 6-3.
Darren Lum Staff



Career & Business Opportunities

Hawks rolling on, undefeated

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The Red Hawks hockey team found the win column against the visiting I.E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats after two straight ties to start the season.

Despite just two goals by the homeside through the first half of the game, the Red Hawks went on to win 6-3 at the AJ

LaRue Arena in Haliburton on Wednesday, Nov. 27.

With the score tied 2-2 in the second period, Red Hawks player Stuart Chaulk scored the eventual game-winner on a tip-in from a slap post by teammate Joel Fedeski at the point. Chaulk finished with a hat-trick to lead his team.

Red Hawks centre Devon Upton added the insurance marker late in the second after a Wildcats' giveaway pass in their own end.

Red Hawks Coach Ron Yake attributed the second period dominance and the win to the aggressive forecheck and solid defense.

"The team put in a great effort. Our forecheck system created many opportunities and our defensive play was sound. Team discipline will be important in future games in order to limit powerplay opportunities in the future," Yake said.

This is the first win of the season after the team tied the perennial hockey powerhouse St. Peter Catholic Secondary School Saints 2-2 in Peterborough the day before. Hawks scoring came from Upton and Nate Feir.

Yake said the game could have gone either way.

They improved to 1-0-2 after the win at home.

The Red Hawks were only on the penalty kill for a combined four minutes.

Yake believes with time the team will continue to improve on its powerplay.

"We have had little time to work on this. It will be one of our focuses for the season. Patience will be key as we have few returning players from two years ago," he said.

The Red Hawks next home game at 3:30 p.m. is against St. Peter Catholic Secondary School on Dec. 10.

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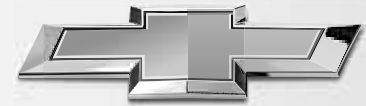
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Huntsville shut down Storm

Despite the absence of goals it was an exciting contest at the Minden arena on Saturday as Dollo's Foodland Pee wee A fought Huntsville to a 0-0 draw. Action was end to end with Storm having an edge in puck possession, putting pressure on Huntsville in their end for extended periods.

Storm took a few more penalties than Huntsville, but always managed to kill them and not allow much in the way of scoring chances to the opposition. This time mention should be made to the three defencemen Shawn Walker, Ryan Hall and Miki Bukta as well as Lucas Haedicke who played defence on the penalty kill. They prevented Huntsville from getting any quality shots from the slot area for the whole game.

Huntsville, unfortunately, shut down the Storm offence in much the same manner except for the breakaway they gave up to Haedicke whose shot was stopped by the Huntsville goalie in the second period. Storm forwards were good at stopping Huntsville's attack in the neutral zone and gaining puck possession. Storm goalie Carson Sisson also played a great game earning the shut-out. The last minute and four seconds of the game was a nail-biter as Storm took a double penalty and played five on three hockey but still managed to effectively shut down Huntsville's attack.

Submitted by Larry Bukta

Bantam A undefeated

The Ed Smolen Dentistry Bantam A team kept their undefeeted regular season strike alive this past weekend as they travelled to Parry Sound.

Saturday's game was a 4-1 victory; teams where tied up until the end of the second period when Owen Smitty Smith scored from Nolan Flood and Payton Miscio, then Kyle Cooper scored. Two goal assists went to Payton Miscio and Josh Boice. Boice finished it off assisted by Owen Patterson-Smith and Jacob Haedicke. Josh Bellfleur had a solid game in net.

Game 2 on Sunday was another victory, 7-2, and again a slow start as it wasn't till late in the second when we first scored but then never looked back. Goals went to Josh Boice with two, Matt Wilbee, Greg Crofts with two, Nolan Flood and Owen Smitty Smith. Assists went to Jacob Bishop, Kyle Cooper, Owen Patterson-Smith, Matt Wilbee with four, Ethan Keefer, Greg Crofts, Josh Boice and Owen Smitty Smith. Parker Smolen with a solid game between the pipes. Keep up the great work, boys!

Submitted by Tammy Smith

Storm take on Lynx

The Haliburton Storm Minden Car Quest midget B girls took on the West Northumberland Wild in a battle for third place in the Lower Lakes Female Hockey League East division. The Wild travelled to Haliburton for an afternoon tilt in the A.J. LaRue rink.

The Storm girls focused on puck movement with improved passing and trying to engage the play in all areas of the ice. A scoreless first period held many scoring opportunities for both teams. Midway through the second period, Kelsey Maracle stuffed home a rebound to open the scoring with a 1-0 lead and which also proved to be the game-winning goal. As the second period drew to a

close, Kelsey Maracle notched her second goal with a nifty little deke to her background that fooled the Wild tender, and gave the Storm a 2-0 lead. Alicia McLean rounded out the scoring in the third off a nice rush that started deep in the Storm end. Three tape-to-tape passes later, McLean finished off the play with a drive to the net that beat the Wild goalie.

Connor Marsden turned away all the West Northumberland shooters in her sixth shutout of the season in the 3-0 win.

The Highland Storm travel to Lindsay this Saturday, Dec. 7 for an afternoon game at 3:30 p.m. in the Lindsay rec centre to take on the Lindsay Lynx during their Lynx day hockey celebration. Keep up the great passing, girls, as we continue to work on tempo and aggressive play with a focus to challenge our opponents.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Pee wee AEs to host Silver Stick Tournament

Haliburton Family Medical Centre Pee-wee AEs travelled to North Muskoka this past Saturday to play the Lightning in an afternoon doubleheader. The games prior to these matches were hard fought one-goal losses but the Storm knew they could overcome the same fate this time around. In the first game the Storm came out hard and swarmed the Lightning squad from the first puck drop. It paid off almost immediately as Colby Lambshead ripped one through a screen to make it 1-0. The goal was assisted by James Alexander and Braedon Robinson. The score remained at a standstill until the third when the Lightning tied it up, but Paul Turner and Tanner Crang fed James Alexander to reclaim the lead once more.

The Lightning proved resilient though and scored again less than a minute later to even it up once again. It was an exciting game as both teams traded several chances. Jaxson Campbell stood out again in net and made several key saves. With less than three minutes left, Braedon Robinson broke free with a wrist that slipped in to give the Storm the lead one final time. With the Lightning goalie pulled for an extra attacker there were several tense moments in the final minute but the Storm preserved to win it with a gutsy effort, 3-2.

The second game started much the same way with both teams trading several chances each. Brady Baldry got things rolling with under 20 seconds left in the first, but as so often has been the case, North Muskoka stormed right back to even it up as the buzzer sounded in the first.

In the second, it was the Lightning who took the lead for the first time on this day but Noah Black's shot from the point rebounded through to James Alexander who banged it in to even it up soon after. It was unfortunate that penalties were the main focus of the third period, frustrating both teams.

The Lightning scored on two of their many power play opportunities and the Storm were unable to recover.

The squad played exceptionally well on this day though and look forward to their biggest challenge yet as they host the Silver Stick Tournament this coming weekend in Minden. Be sure to come out and cheer them on!

Submitted by Jon Petrie

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Despite loss, Storm dominated game

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It was a strange afternoon in Port Carling this past Sunday as Tom Prentice's Bantam AEs took on the Thunder. Although the road conditions were a bit of a slippery surprise getting there, the team looked ready to continue their upward trend that has seen them getting steadily better in recent games ... until the puck dropped. Within the first 25 seconds the Thunder tipped one past our goalie, Ryan Hannah. Ryan has been absolutely spectacular this season but the crowd could tell almost immediately that he didn't seem himself. Three more goals were counted in the first before the Storm had their first shot on net.

In the second, the Storm seemed to settle a bit and gain some momentum back when Hannah fell awkwardly and remained on the ice. It turns out Ryan had been sick and was suffering from dizziness throughout the game but had valiantly attempted to stay in net for his team. It became quickly apparent that he would not be able to continue though, and the Storm were faced with the prospect of not being able to continue because they did not have a back-up on this day. The period was called early to see what could be done. With the ice flooded and the teams ready to go, forward Jon Morrison appeared in full 'tender gear to heroically take the place of Hannah.

The second period continued where it left off and Port Carling faced off in the attacking zone. Within seconds, Port Carling scored two more to make it 6-0 before the ice had dried after the flood. Most teams would have given up at this point but not our boys. Slowly but surely, the Storm picked themselves up and steadily climbed back into the game. Morrison made a few nice saves to give our boys some confidence to continue and Trevor Turner's deflection off of Matt Manning's shot from the point got our squad on the board. Carter O'Neill also assisted on the play. In the third, Ben Schmidt and Alec Stoughton forced a scramble in front that popped out to Alex Petrie and, then Alex Wilbee made it 6-3 after some hard fought spade-work by Jake Bull to force the play.

At this point, Port Carling were back on their heels as the Storm rally seemed more and more plausible. With under two minutes left, Trevor Turner and Alec Stoughton forced the play and Sam Longo was rewarded with an easy tap-in. Unfortunately, our boys simply ran out of time and lost 6-4. If not for the first period the Storm dominated the game and deserve credit for not giving up despite the odds.

Well done Storm!

See you in two weeks at the Silver Stick Tournament here in Haliburton!

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Atom AE takin' care of business

Grey Cup Sunday saw the Lions Club Highland Storm Atom AEs heading west for a meeting with the South Muskoka Bears. This game was important as it was the third meeting of the season between these two teams and the Bears held a slim advantage over the Storm having won once and tied the other game. The significance of the game was not lost on the young Highlanders as they prepared to extend their recent three game unbeaten streak.

Games at the concrete bunker of an arena in Bracebridge are a rite of passage for all young players in the Muskoka Parry Sound Loop. The wooden rafters, concrete, dungeon like dressing rooms and benches that hang over the edge of the ice add to the classic Canadian hockey feel of the games.

The line of Nick Phippen, Brendan Coumbs and Owen Harrison continued to produce as all three connected on a Phippen goal with 44 seconds left in the first period, putting the Storm up 1-0. The Bears, however, responded with two goals in the second to take the lead into the third period and set an all too familiar nail-biting tone to the game.

Between the second and third periods the determined faces of the Storm players suggested that they were ready to win and it was time to take care of business. Early in the third Storm's determination paid off as Coumbs neatly set up his linemates in the slot from behind the net and Phippen buried a rebound drawing the teams even. Keeping tension high, Harrison and Phippen waited until the dying minutes of the game before they connected to complete Phippen's hat-trick and seal the 3-2 Storm victory.

The recent four game unbeaten streak for these Atom AEs is the result of solid defense, great goaltending by Darian Willis and great teamwork. Power forward Jaylin Frost shifted to the wing beside centre Ben Robinson and Emily Alexander to provide an aggressive Storm forecheck and Zach Davis and Emma Tidey have provided speed up front that is tough to defend. Defensive pairings of Hunter/Nesbitt and Mills/Smith look like they have played together for years switching off and supporting the others' pinches to hold the offensive line and give the forwards the chance to score. Just like Don Cherry says, it all starts from the blue line.

Atom AE: The campaign continues

As November turned the reins over to December the Lions Club Highland Storm Atom AEs continued their march towards the playoffs with another busy weekend of hockey. Saturday meant a drive across the 118 to Port Carling to face-off against

their Thunder, a team that the Storm had handled nicely in their earlier meetings. The young Storm club looked confident at game time, maybe too confident, and this proved their undoing.

Port Carling jumped off to an early 1-0 lead catching the Highlanders off guard early in the first and shaking the Storm confidence. It was Nick Phippen who hooked up with wingers Emma Tidey and Zach Davis for the Storm's first goal. Then, early in the second, Sterling Nesbitt fed Brendan "Big Shooter" Coumbs in the slot who spun and fired a beautiful wrist shot past the Thunder netminder. At 3:57 of the second Jaylin "Frosty" Frost directed a Coumbs pass to Phippen who buried it running the score up to 3-1, and leaving the Storm feeling like their work was done for the afternoon. However, Port Carling's goaltender was sharp and refused yield another goal and the Thunderbattled back with three unanswered goals to beat our Storm 4-3 in the dying minutes of the third. The team was left deflated and upset as they had let two valuable points slip away and been served a powerful lesson about underestimating opponents.

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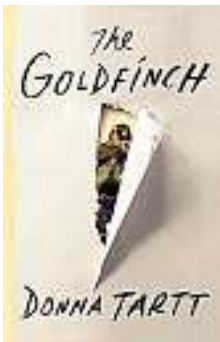
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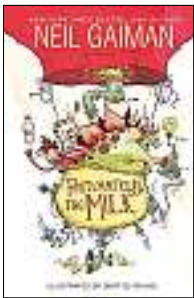
The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt

Heralded in the *New York Times* as “a rarity that comes along perhaps half a dozen times per decade,” *The Goldfinch* is a novel that is attracting a great deal of attention.

It begins with a boy, 13-year-old Theo Decker, who is orphaned by an explosion at New York’s Metropolitan Museum of Art. Taken in by wealthy family friends, Theo enters into a new life completely foreign to what he once knew. Tormented by the loss of his mother, he clings to the one thing that reminds him of her: a small, mysteriously captivating painting, which ultimately draws Theo into the depths of the art underworld, where an ever-tightening circle seeks to ensnare.

Combining vivid writing, heart-stopping suspense, and unforgettable characters with musings on love, identity and art, *The Goldfinch* has been called an epic tale for a new age.

Junior Book of the Month: Picture Middle Grade Selection



Fortunately, the Milk by Neil Gaiman and illustrated by Skottie Young

It is an age-old truth that cereal is simply not cereal without the milk. So on one milkless morning, the father of a little boy and his sister ventures out to purchase some. He doesn’t come back,

and he doesn’t come back, and finally when he returns, he has a story to tell. “I bought the milk,” he says, “I walked out of the corner of the shop and heard a noise

like this: T h u m m t h u m m. I looked up and saw a huge silver disc hovering in the air above Marshall Road.” From here the story gets stranger and stranger, evolving to incorporate pirates, ponies, vampires and a stegosaurus professor, who pilots a Floaty-Ball-Person-Carrier.

With time travel, treachery, adventure and more, *Fortunately, the Milk* by Neil Gaiman is a twisty tongue-in-cheek story to be enjoyed by both children and adults.

Local Celebrity Read

Joanie Tyler, a student at the HHSS recommends the *Precious Stone* trilogy by Kerstin Gier, which includes *Ruby Red*, *Sapphire Blue* and the recently released *Emerald Green*.

Discovering these books while at a sleepover at a friend’s home, she describes them as novels with lots of “comedy, love and action, as well as time travel, and teen and family dynamics. They have everything!”

The novel’s protagonist Gwyneth is part of a family of time travellers. Her family has been preparing her cousin for time travel her entire life, but instead it is Gwen who unexpectedly travels through time.

Joanie states: “the family has a lot of secrets, and they aren’t sure if they can share them with her because they are not convinced that she is the family member meant to time travel.”

“Time travellers also have a time travel partner, who, in the books, is Gideon, a male character who has been training



with the cousin” and is surprised to be working with Gwen.

Joanie believes that the novels will appeal more to female readers, however, “because there is action and combat, boys might also enjoy them.”

If you liked the *Partials* novels by Dan Well, or the *Divergent* trilogy by Veronica Roth, Joanie thinks you may also enjoy these books.

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The Christmas Tree of Warmth initiative is the dream of Wilberforce L.A. President Brenda Boomhour who with the support of Marg Jones and all the Ladies Auxiliary Members have worked tirelessly to ensure that every child in Wilberforce and Cardiff Elementary Schools will have warm hats or mitts to go to school each day this winter.

Legion President, Mary Dunne has gathered information from computer research to identify the need by grade and by age. This information will be used to ensure that all contributions are evenly distributed between the two schools.

Contributions will be greatly received from any source up to Dec. 15. Articles to be donated, whether handmade or purchased may be dropped off at Branch 624 to the bar steward on duty.

The intent of this program is to give back to our local communities and their children.

In the spirit of Christmas and the joy on children’s faces, we encourage everyone to give from the heart this Christmas season.



The Christmas Tree of Warmth is an initiative of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Wilberforce Legion. Contributions of hats and mitts are now being accepted.

Highlands Summer Festival looks to hire GM

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The Highlands Summer Festival is in a similar situation to the land trust, having received \$100,000 to be used towards the hiring of a general manager for a three-year period.

The organization that develops and produces local theatre in the county will also focus their funding on creating new community programs such as a youth pilot project being introduced next summer.

HSF president Jack Brezina, who is a member of the OTF review team, said the board of the not-for-profit organization is excited about what the funding means for the future of theatre in Haliburton.

"It sort of helps us launch into a new era," he said. "This is our 15th season coming up and we've been running on volunteers in a lot of areas and this will help ease some of their burden. People do it because they love theatre but you also run out of energy at some point, or you age out of energy."

The HSF will be seeking an individual to fulfill the role of general manager immediately, with hopes to hire in the new year, said Brezina.

Information will be running in local newspapers as well as the festival's website.

The new GM will report to the board of directors and will also

be handling volunteer management and fund development.

"We're delighted and absolutely pleased that this has happened," said Brezina. "We just want to get this person in place and have more good things happen on stage here in the Highlands."

A Place Called Home was successful in receiving a grant for \$178,900, which will be used to hire a fund-development and marketing co-ordinator for the organization.

The homelessness prevention agency that serves Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes opened an office in Minden this past summer, but has been serving the area for 20 years.

Once hired, the co-ordinator will be tasked with enhancing the community's awareness of homelessness and sustaining service delivery and a long-term presence in both Haliburton County and CKL.

"We're just thrilled that Trillium thought once again that we were a viable agency and that our proposal was as important as we did," said Lorrie Polito, executive director for A Place Called Home.

The Art Hive will be using their \$13,700 grant for accessibility upgrades, including installing an entranceway and washroom and expanding classroom space.

The new library in Wilberforce will have equipment and furnishings purchased with a \$12,600 grant given to the Haliburton County Library Board.

Close to a quarter of a million dollars will fund the regional branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association on a collaboration to develop services and supports for transgender and gender variant people and their families.

The funds will be dispersed throughout the county, Peterborough, City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland.

Last, more than \$30,000 was directed to the creation of a two-year initiative that will offer business training and mentorship for local residents.

The funds will be used for hiring a project co-ordinator who will develop the initiative and address economic opportunities in the community.

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Susan Norcross reports on the birth of her grand-daughter, Ruby Michelle, born in Guelph on Nov. 13 to parents April and Scott

Love. Helen Barkley of the new apartments on Hwy. 21 is a very proud great-grandmother. Congratulations all 'round.

Have you noticed the newly refurbished coloured lights on the posts at corner of our village? St. Andrew's Court and the bridge are the brighter for this work of beautiful wreaths.

Two glaring errors must be corrected. The person who donated the \$130 of her proceeds of craft on Nov. 9 was indeed a lady: Ren Higgins. The other was one of omission – the musician in the middle of the trio on Nov. 22 was Mabel Glendinning.

Humble apologies to both ladies.


Cathy McIlmurray is pleased to be moving

into her new house on Pine Lake this week.

The centre dates are filling up: two are for church dinners, two for family parties. Then there's a Jack and Jill on New Year's.

Euchre scores - High Ron Bain and Gerald Hadley. Low - Liz Jesseman and Robert McIvor. Most Lone Hands - Anne McIvor and Bill Marshall.

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**NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL**

• **DATE:** Monday January 6th, 2014
• **TIME:** 5:00 pm
• **LOCATION:** Council Chambers in the Municipal Office 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

- Lands of the 636100 Ontario Limited:
 - Purpose and Effect: the proposed by-law will change the zone on the subject lands to permit the proposed waterfront residential use and to further delineate the extent of the existing wetland.
 - Zone change from "CT", "RU1" and "EP" to "WR3L" and "EP".
 - Location: Part Lot 26, Concessions 3 and 4, Township of Dysart (Haas (Paradise) Lake – County Road 3 and Hwy 118).
 - This property is the subject of applications for consent H-028/13, H-029/13 and H-030/13).
- Lands of Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation:
 - Purpose and Effect: the proposed by-law will change the zone on the subject lands to permit their use for rural institutional uses. Site specific provisions are added to recognize the front lot line setback and the street setback of the existing building.
 - Zone change from "RR" to "IR-xx".
 - Location: Part Lot 12, Concession 7, Township of Dysart (County Road 1).
- Lands of Carnochan:
 - Purpose and Effect: the proposed by-law will change the zone on the subject lands to permit their use for a boat storage facility and a self-service storage facility. Site specific zone provisions are added to require a planting strip. The EP zone is not affected by the proposed by-law.
 - Zone change from "MX", "RU1" and "EP" to "CH-xx" and "EP".
 - Location: Part Lot 14, Concession 6, Township of Guilford (County Road 7).

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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FURTHER INFORMATION: including the draft by-law is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

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Volunteers will again be busy on Saturday Dec. 7 working for a number of groups in the community. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre volunteers from the Wilberforce Heritage Guild will host the annual Christmas Craft Sale. Volunteers from St. Margaret's Church will provide refreshments for sale throughout the day.

Volunteers such as those that support minor hockey and the Library Launchers will be among the vendors selling interesting items. Talented artists and crafters will surely have great items. There will be varied gifts – jewelry, gift baskets, cards, books, baking, ponchos, scarves, wreaths for your doors, small hand-painted ornaments for your tree, welcome signs for your yard.

Look for homemade fudge in Christmas mugs and chocolate spoons to stir your coffee or to add a special touch to your Christmas enter-

taining. There may even be special reindeer hay for Santa's team.

Plan to stay and have lunch with friends or if you are an early bird have a muffin with a coffee. The tea and coffee are free all day. Drop in if only for a hot coffee, to rest your feet and get the Christmas feeling.

A Christmas carol service will be held at the Wilberforce United Church on Sunday evening Dec. 8. It begins at 7 p.m. The Christmas story will told in word and song. Lessons will be read by people from the local churches. Plan to stay for fellowship over some refreshments.

Clergy and lay delegates from churches across the Toronto Diocese of the Anglican Church recently took part in its 155th Synod. From the parish of Haliburton the Rev. Canon Anne Moore, Wayne Cooper and Hilda Clark were among more than 600 registered delegates at this meeting in Toronto.

The Christmas open house at the Red Cross Outpost Historic House will be on Thursday Dec. 14 afternoon 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and evening 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. One can sense the aroma of hot apple cider already. Do drop in short poems and stories will happily be shared.

Storm bounce back

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Sunday's game in Gravenhurst against the South Muskoka Bears was an opportunity to bounce back and redeem themselves. The atmosphere prior to game time was sober and quiet, altogether different from the pre-game feel in Port Carling. Winger Jaylin Frost got the ball rolling and she tapped in a Nick Phippen pass.

This ignited the Storm and they began to play like their old selves. Next, defender Hunter Winder stepped up and scored on a Phippen assist. The speedy Winder aggressively tested the South Muskoka squad repeatedly jumping up into the rush spreading out the Storm attack. Later it was Coumbs

who gathered in a puck in the Bear's slot and blasted another signature wrist shot past the out stretched goalie.

Darian Willis inspired his teammates by declaring his intention to shut out the Bears. He was as good as his word. Looking like a young Tuukka Rask, his efficient, calm play, corralled loose rebounds, controlled the flow of the game and thwarted the South Muskokans.

With the 3-0 win the Storm had returned to form heading into their home tournament weekend. Every player played a solid game, in what was one of the most complete games they have played as a team. Well done, Storm. Way to bounce back!

Submitted by Richard Smith



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General Meeting Second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 p.m. All members urged to attend.

Ladies Auxiliary Last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

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Special mention: The Ladies Auxiliary thank the vendors and community who supported our Snowflake Bazaar. A special thank you to Rin Higgins who once again donated all of her sales to the Auxiliary.

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Sunday

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Upcoming Events

New Year's Eve Bash, Tuesday, Dec. 31 at the Legion - 9 p.m. to close.

\$20 per person - D.J. Pat Casselman, cold buffet approximately 11 p.m.

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President's Levy - New Year's Day - Wednesday, Jan. 1 from 12:30 to 5 p.m.

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Dec 7: Christmas at the Museum (Dec. 7, 14 and 21) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Located at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Join us to make holiday decorations, enjoy treats and celebrate the Victorian way! Different activities every week!

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From now until Dec. 14: Second annual Head Lake Grill Toy Drive. Donate a new, unwrapped toy and receive 15% off your bill and be entered into a draw to win one of four gift certificates to the Head Lake Grill.

Dec 8: Country Music Jamboree located at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena from 1p.m.-5p.m. Admission \$7.00

Diner's Club Minden United Church: second Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon, at Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St. (Lower Level), Minden. Info Brigitt at Community Care 705-457-2941, www.communitycarehaliburton.com

Dec 11: HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic from 10:30 am to noon. The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more info. call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

December 11, Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Lochlin United Church annual community "Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long" - 1050 Lochlin Road off Gelert Road (County Road 1). Great music accompaniment with Rev. Harry Morgan and "Friends." Refreshments following: Hot cider and Christmas goodies. Donations to the Food Banks gratefully accepted.

Dec 12: MINDEN: Meet the Nurse from 10 am to noon, Ontario Early Years Centre (144 Bobcaygeon Rd in Sears Building). The nurse can weigh the baby, provide breastfeeding support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and development and other parental concerns. Call (705) 457-1391 for more information.

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Victor Ibbotson
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Peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer at the Haliburton Hospital with his family by his side on Monday morning, November 25, 2013 in his 84th year. Beloved husband of the late Donna Ibbotson (2012). Loving father of Donna and her husband Dwight Sisson of Haliburton. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Kyla and Alyssa. Dear brother of Elwood and David. Predeceased by his sister Marjorie. Vic was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129, Haliburton and was a member of the Haliburton Curling Club. Vic and Donna lived in the Haliburton Highlands for over 20 years.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends were invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario on Thursday afternoon, November 28, 2013 from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel was held on Friday morning, November 29, 2013 at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society and the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family. Masonic brethren were asked to assemble at the Funeral Home on Friday morning, November 29, 2013 at 11 o'clock for a Masonic Service.

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BARJAROW, Evelyn (nee Fader) - Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Sunday, November 24, 2013. In her 84th year. Beloved wife of the late Harold Barjarow. Loving mother of Marion and Levern Miscio, Susan and Dennis Davis, Colin and Penny, Linda and Tony Miscio and predeceased by Diana. Loving grandma of 9 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and 3 great great grandchildren. Dear sister of Elva and John and predeceased by Judy. Daughter of the late Orm and Ethel Fader. Fondly remembered by her many nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Friday, November 29, 2013 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1:00 pm. Interment at the Maple Lake United Church Cemetery, Maple Lake. Reception to follow at the Maple Lake United Church (downstairs). Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Service Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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DAVIS, Bryan James Cyril - Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Wednesday, November 27, 2013. In his 66th year. Beloved husband of Jacqueline (nee Mason). Loving father of Dennise (Ron) and predeceased by his son Danny (1995). Eldest son of Moss (deceased) and Betty Davis. Dear brother of Dennis (Susan), and brother-in-law of Zetta May (Alex), Helen (Mosses, deceased), Darlene (Royce, deceased), Bobby (Shirley), Johnny (Nancy), Rosezetta (Shane) and Perry. Bryan will be missed by his many friends and family. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.** 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427 Minden on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Then to the Forrest and Taylor Funeral Home Ltd., 20846 Dalton Rd., Sutton on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Memorial Service at 1:00 pm. Interment Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Zepher. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated.

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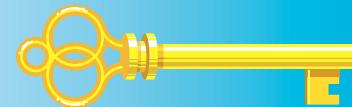
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